

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, lines 8-18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The fixing roll 1 and the resin film tubular body 2 are heated to a prescribed temperature by respective heat sources 11 and ~~12~~21 and turn in directions shown by respective arrow marks. A lubricant is provided on the sliding surface of the sheet-like member 33 in sliding contact with the resin film tubular body 2 and the lubricant is fed onto the inner surface of the resin film tubular body 2. The lubricant fed onto the inner surface of the resin film tubular body 2 is carried thereon and further fed onto the sliding surface side of the nip portion. Note that the resin film tubular body 2 may be either supported in a non-hung state or, for example, hung by and supported on plural rolls.